

STAR WARS[®] DARTH VADER

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VADER

Disorder engulfs the galaxy. After the destruction of the DEATH STAR by a mysterious Force-strong rebel pilot, the Sith Lord DARTH VADER was deemed responsible by his master, Emperor Palpatine. Now pursuing his own agenda, Vader enlisted his own assistance—the bounty hunter BOBA FETT and archaeologist DOCTOR APHRA.

With a newly acquired droid army, Darth Vader stormed a secluded stronghold in the Outer Rim where a technology specialist named Cylo has been secretly working for Palpatine creating lightsaber-wielding cyborgs.

Now in the presence the Emperor himself, Lord Vader must fight for both his honor and his life against Cylo's team of technically enhanced warriors....

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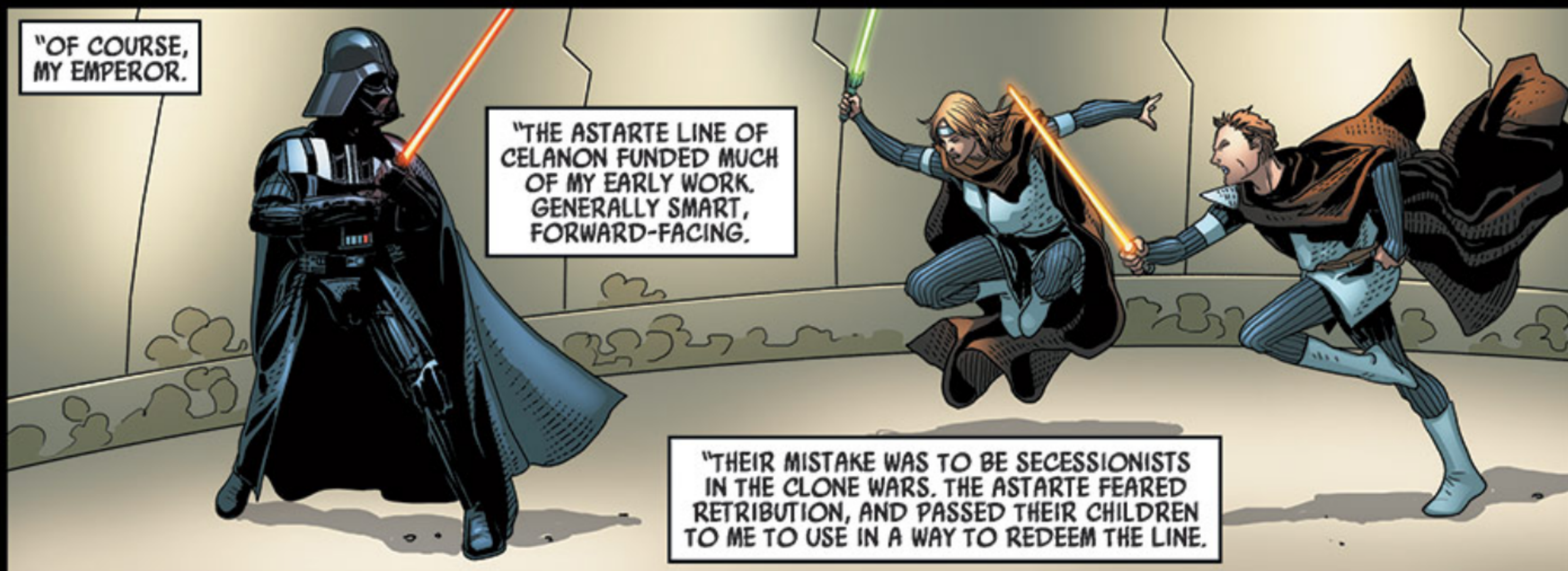
"To Mariano Gonzalez-Roth Voss, friend and fan...you will reach the stars first. The Force was strong with you, but not enough." –Salvador Larroca

A full-page comic book illustration of Darth Vader standing in a desert-like environment. He is wearing his iconic black armor and cape, holding a glowing red lightsaber in his right hand. The background shows a sandy ground with some rocks and a large, dark shadow of a figure in the distance. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows.

"YOU'VE
HAD YEARS,
CYLO..."

A close-up comic book illustration of Darth Vader's face. He is looking down with a slight, menacing smile. His black helmet and mask are visible, and the lighting highlights the contours of his face and the texture of his armor.

...IT WOULD
BE UNWISE TO
DISAPPOINT
ME.



"OF COURSE, MY EMPEROR."

"THE ASTARTE LINE OF CELANON FUNDED MUCH OF MY EARLY WORK. GENERALLY SMART, FORWARD-FACING."

"THEIR MISTAKE WAS TO BE SECESSIONISTS IN THE CLONE WARS. THE ASTARTE FEARED RETRIBUTION, AND PASSED THEIR CHILDREN TO ME TO USE IN A WAY TO REDEEM THE LINE."

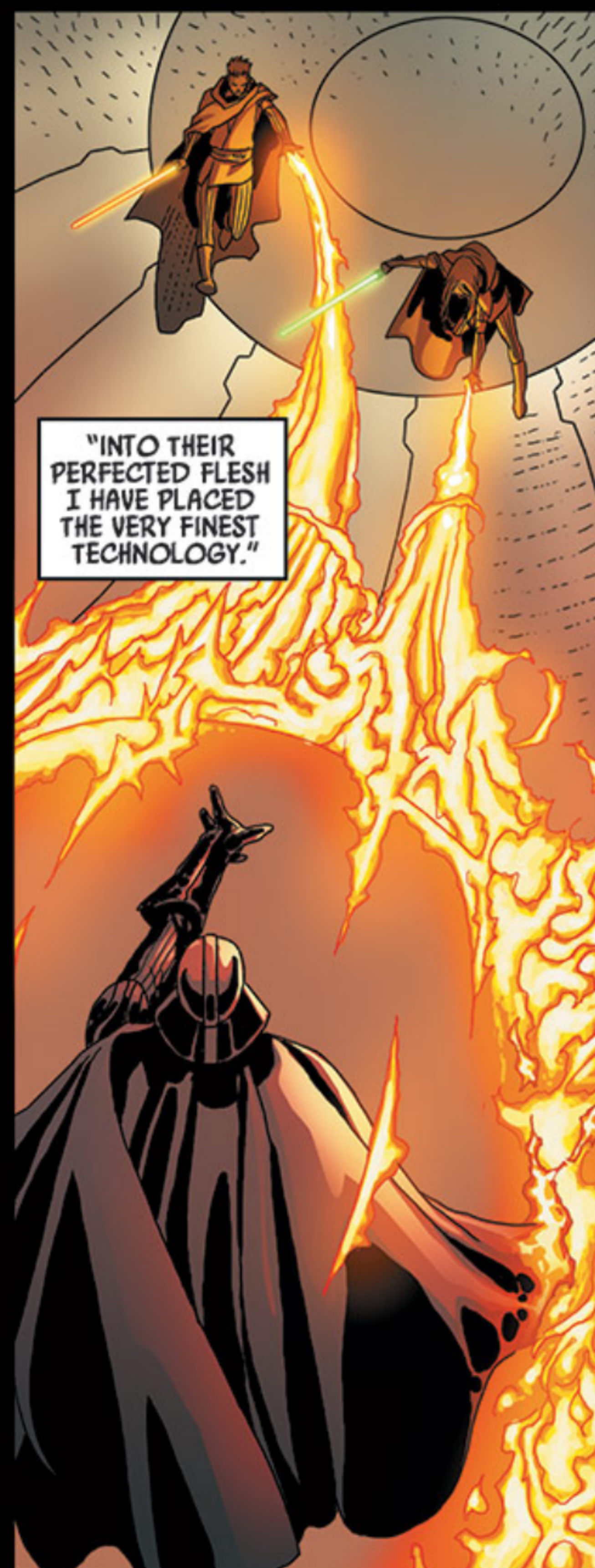


"THEY HAVE BEEN IN MY TENDER CARE EVER SINCE."

"MORIT AND AIOLIN SPENT THEIR FORMATIVE YEARS LEARNING LESSONS WHICH COULD BE ROUGHLY PARAPHRASED AS 'HAIL PALPATINE.'"



"THEY'VE HAD THE BEST GENETIC TWEAKS AND COMBAT TRAINING EVER SINCE."



"INTO THEIR PERFECTED FLESH I HAVE PLACED THE VERY FINEST TECHNOLOGY."



THEY WERE ONCE MERE HUMANS. NOW THEY ARE SOMETHING CONSIDERABLY MORE.

AND TWINS, SO I HAVE A SPARE. WHAT ELSE, CYLO?



"THE PROBLEM
WITH LIEUTENANTS
IS THEIR TENDENCY
TO DIE."

"INDIVIDUALS
CAN DIE. A
SYSTEM IS
IMMORTAL."

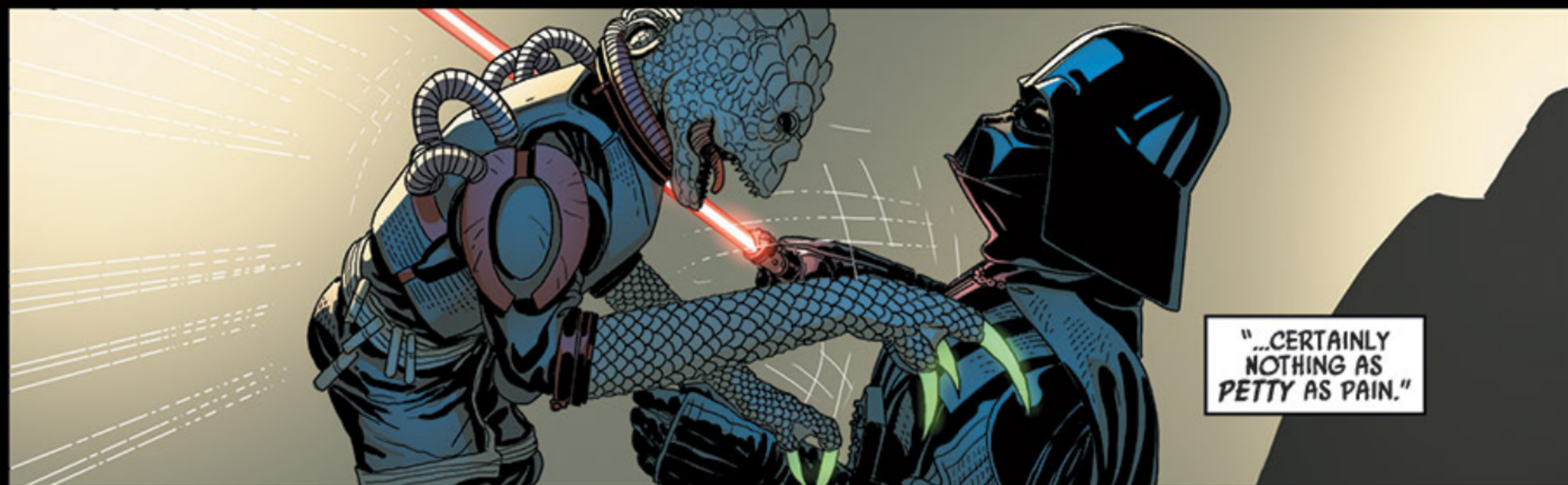


"WITH THE CYBERANIMATE
MODIFICATION WE
INSTALLED A 'TRAINER' A.I.
PERSONALITY TO GUIDE
THE BESTIAL INSTINCTS."



"GUIDE AND
CENSOR."

"IT FEELS
NOTHING OTHER
THAN WHAT YOU
DESIRE, MY
EMPEROR..."



"...CERTAINLY
NOTHING AS
PETTY AS PAIN."



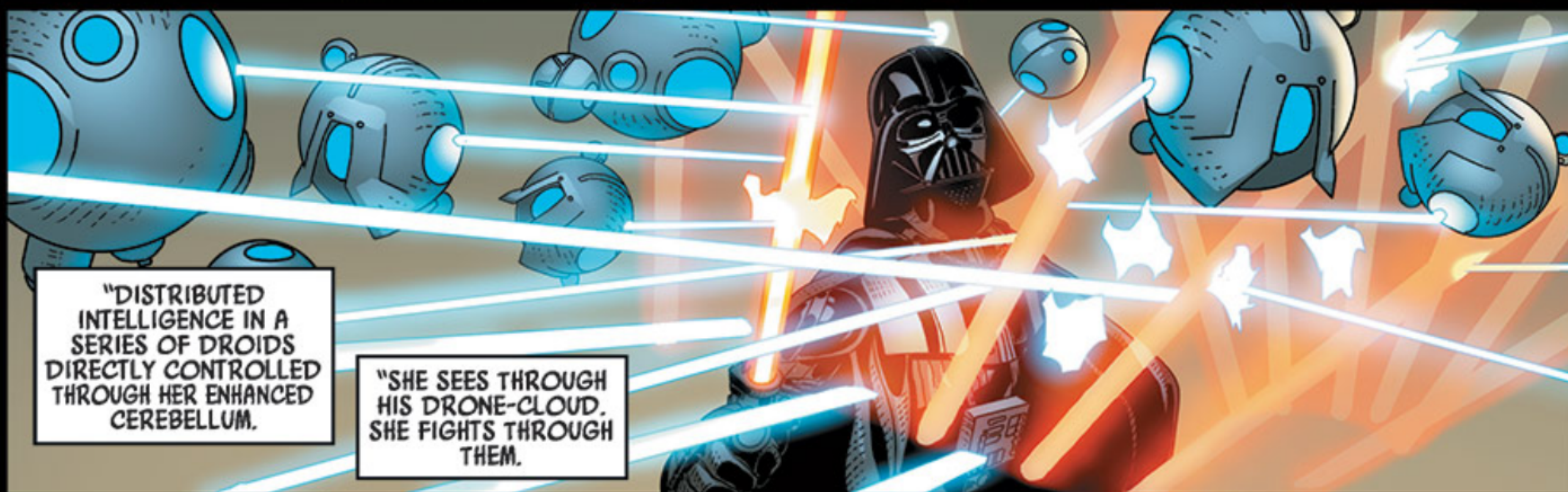
"IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE
TRANDOSHAN? WE CAN
FIND OTHER HOSTS.
IT SHOULD WORK ON
ANYTHING UP TO
AND INCLUDING
A RANCOR..."

"I SEE.
NEXT!"



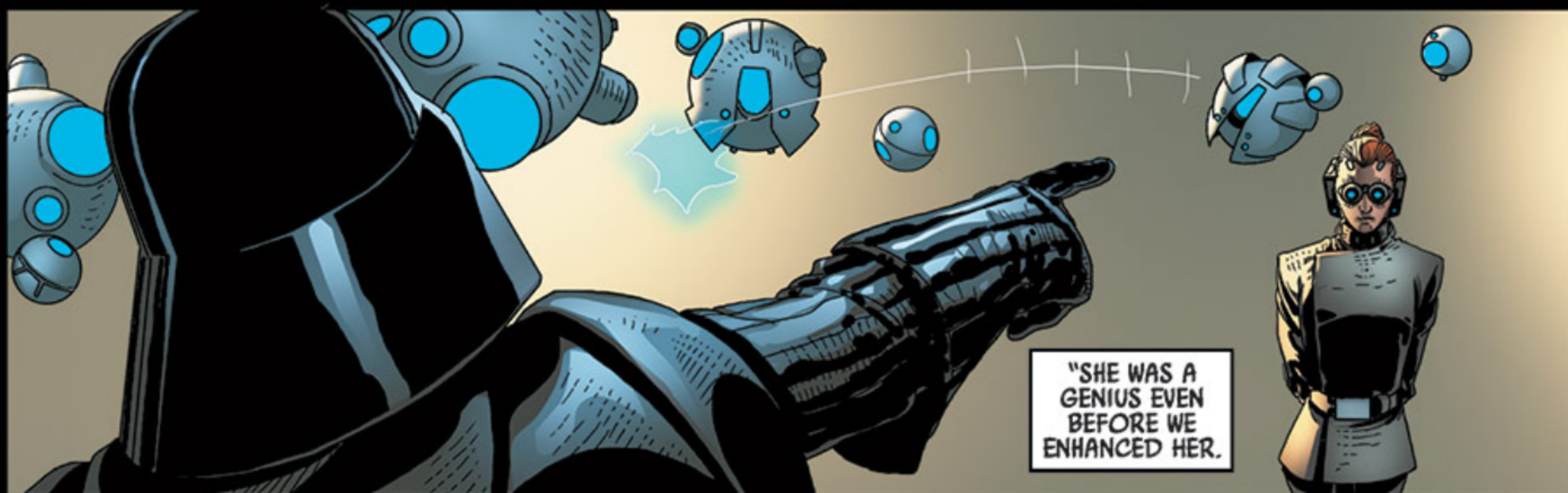
"WELL, PERHAPS TULON WILL IMPRESS YOU. SHE'S ATYPICAL IN THAT SHE'S NOT A WARRIOR BORN AND BRED.

"SHE'S A SCIENTIST. HIGH-LEVEL R&D WORK ON *MANY* WEAPONS. CLOSE FRIENDS WITH MANY OF THE GREATEST SPECIALISTS...

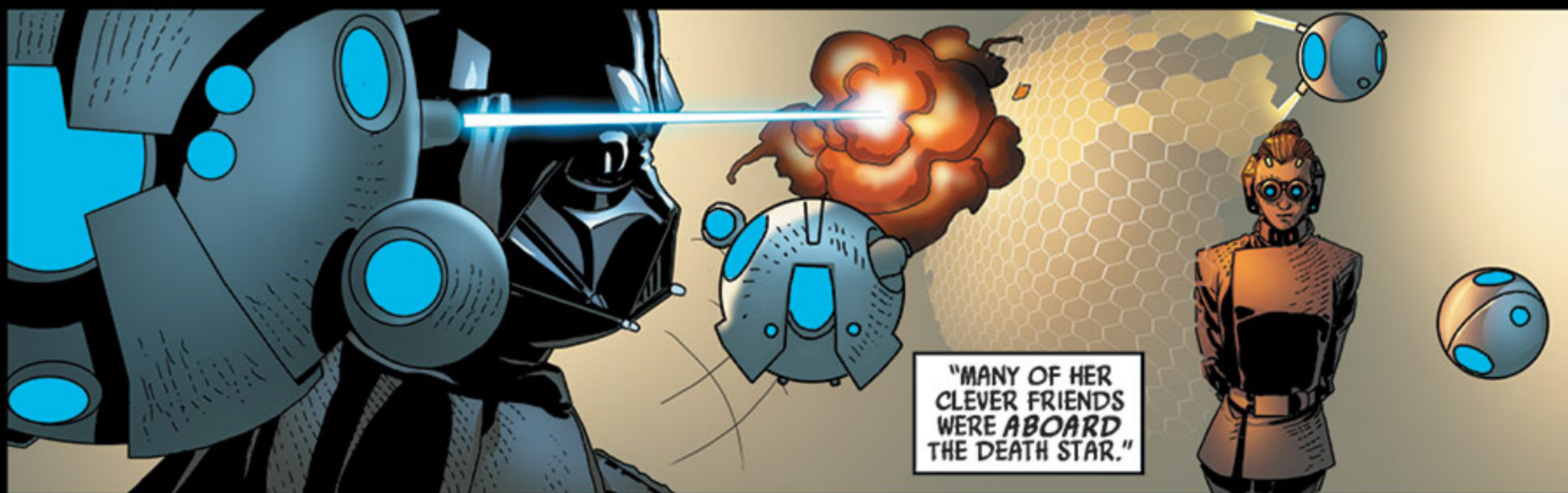


"DISTRIBUTED INTELLIGENCE IN A SERIES OF DROIDS DIRECTLY CONTROLLED THROUGH HER ENHANCED CEREBELLUM.

"SHE SEES THROUGH HIS DRONE-CLOUD. SHE FIGHTS THROUGH THEM.



"SHE WAS A GENIUS EVEN BEFORE WE ENHANCED HER.



"MANY OF HER CLEVER FRIENDS WERE *ABOARD* THE DEATH STAR."



TULON VOIDGAZER'S NEW TOPIC OF RESEARCH IS "REVENGE."

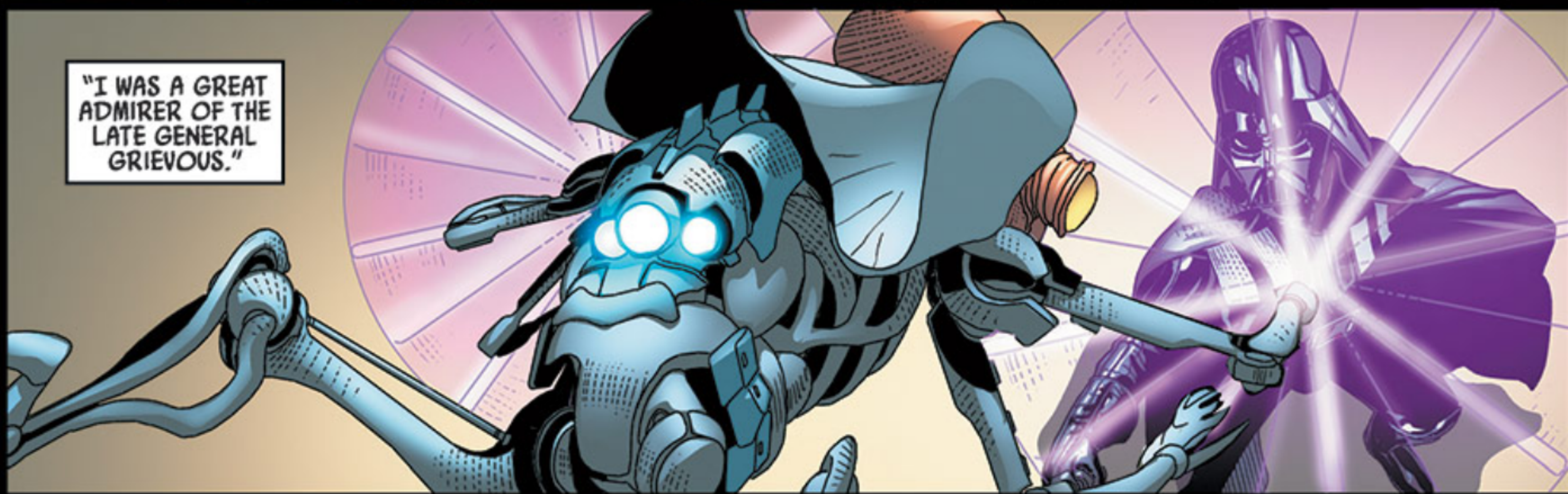
CHARMING. NEXT.

"THIS IS COMMANDER KARBIN. YOU MAY REMEMBER HIM FROM THE SEPARATIST WAR. HIS SHIP WAS LOST TOWARDS THE END. CONSIDERABLE INJURIES. UNTREATABLE.

"HE SPENT THE LAST EIGHTEEN YEARS ON LIFE SUPPORT.



"HE SPENT THE LAST TWO BEING ENHANCED."



"I WAS A GREAT ADMIRER OF THE LATE GENERAL GRIEVOUS."



"AN INTERESTING DESIGN..."

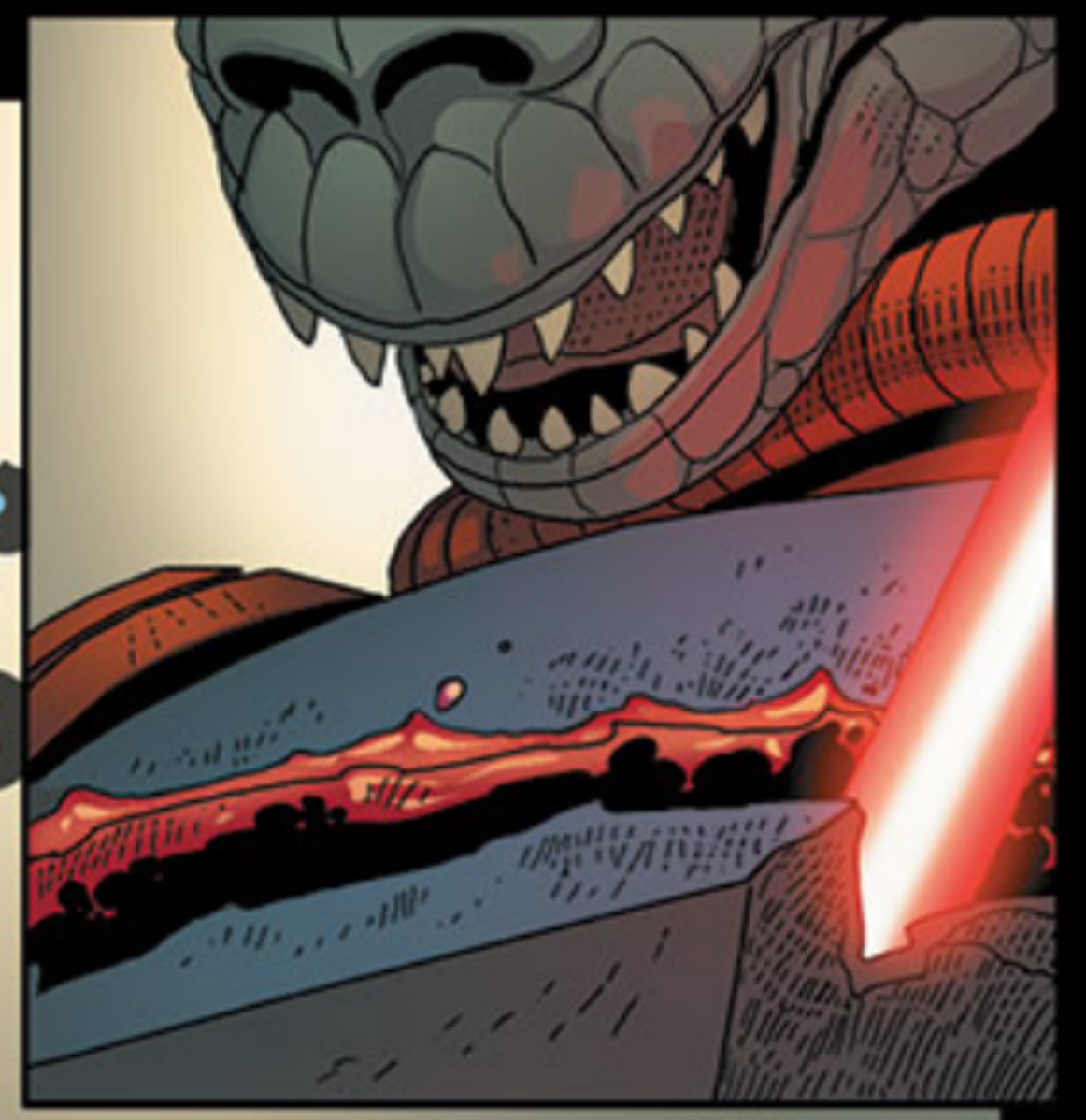
"...BUT VERY MUCH A FIRST STEP."



COMMANDER KARBIN IS THE NEXT.

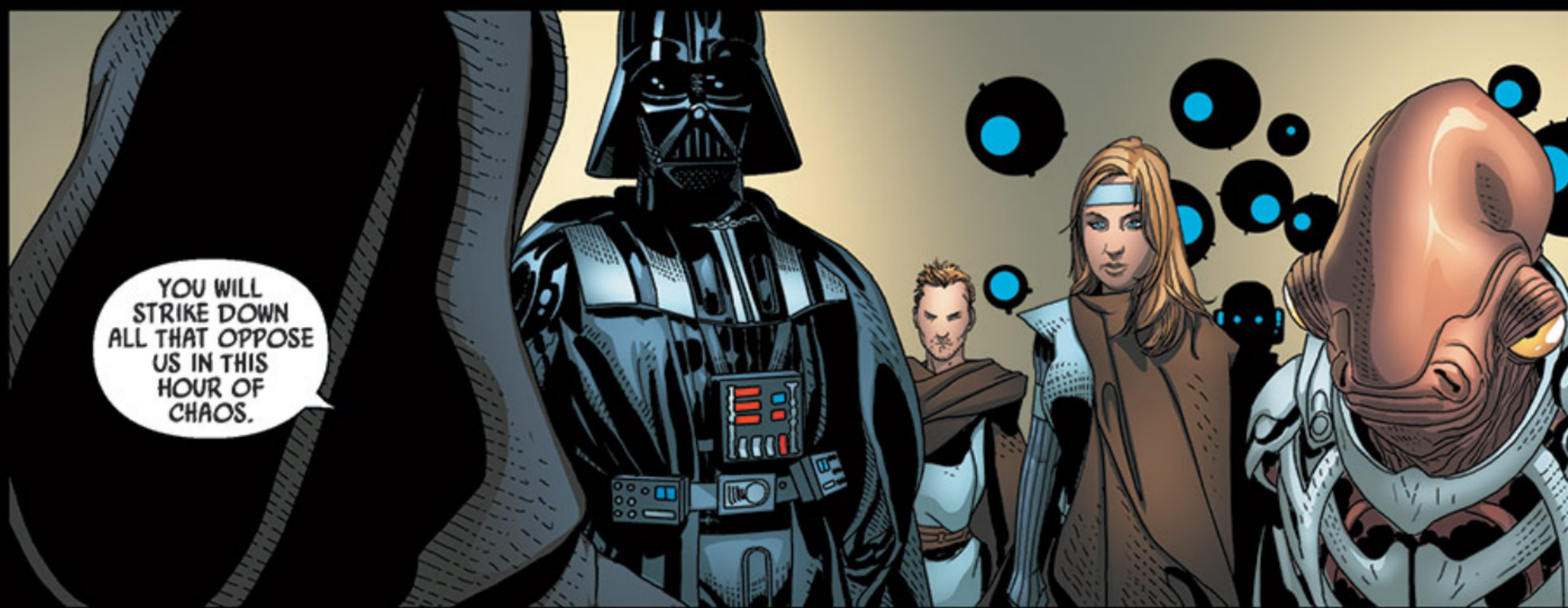
YES, SO YOU SAY. LET US HAVE A REAL DEMONSTRATION...













I AM IMPRESSED,
GATHERING YOUR
OWN FORCES. ACTING
OUTSIDE MY
SYSTEM.

I WOULD
HAVE THOUGHT SUCH
INITIATIVE WAS NOW
BEYOND YOU. PERHAPS
YOU *WILL* TRIUMPH
AGAINST THE
OTHERS...



THEY ARE
ABOMINATIONS.

THIS IS
HERESY.



YOU FORGET
WHO IS MASTER
AND WHO IS
STUDENT.

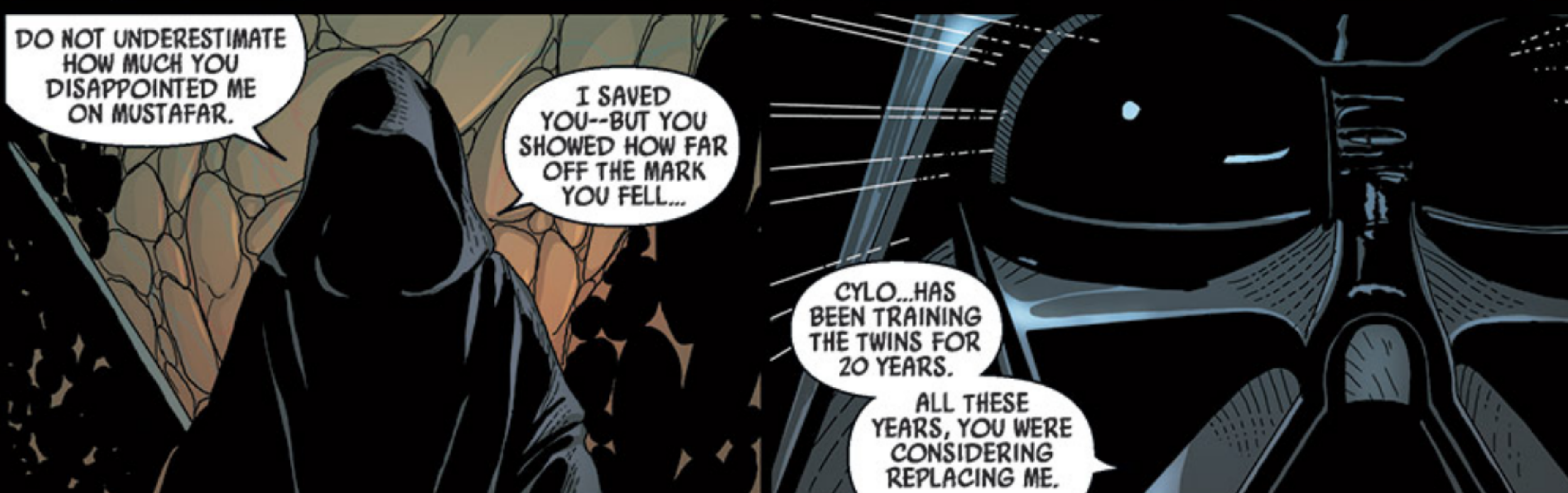
IT IS YOUR
DUTY TO
LEARN WHAT
I KNOW.

IT IS MY
DUTY TO LEARN
WHAT THERE IS
TO TEACH.



YOU STAND
THERE, MORE
METAL THAN MAN,
AND TALK OF
ABOMINATIONS?

WERE IT
NOT FOR MY
OPEN MIND, YOU
WOULD NOT BE HERE.
EVERYTHING
IS OF THE
FORCE.

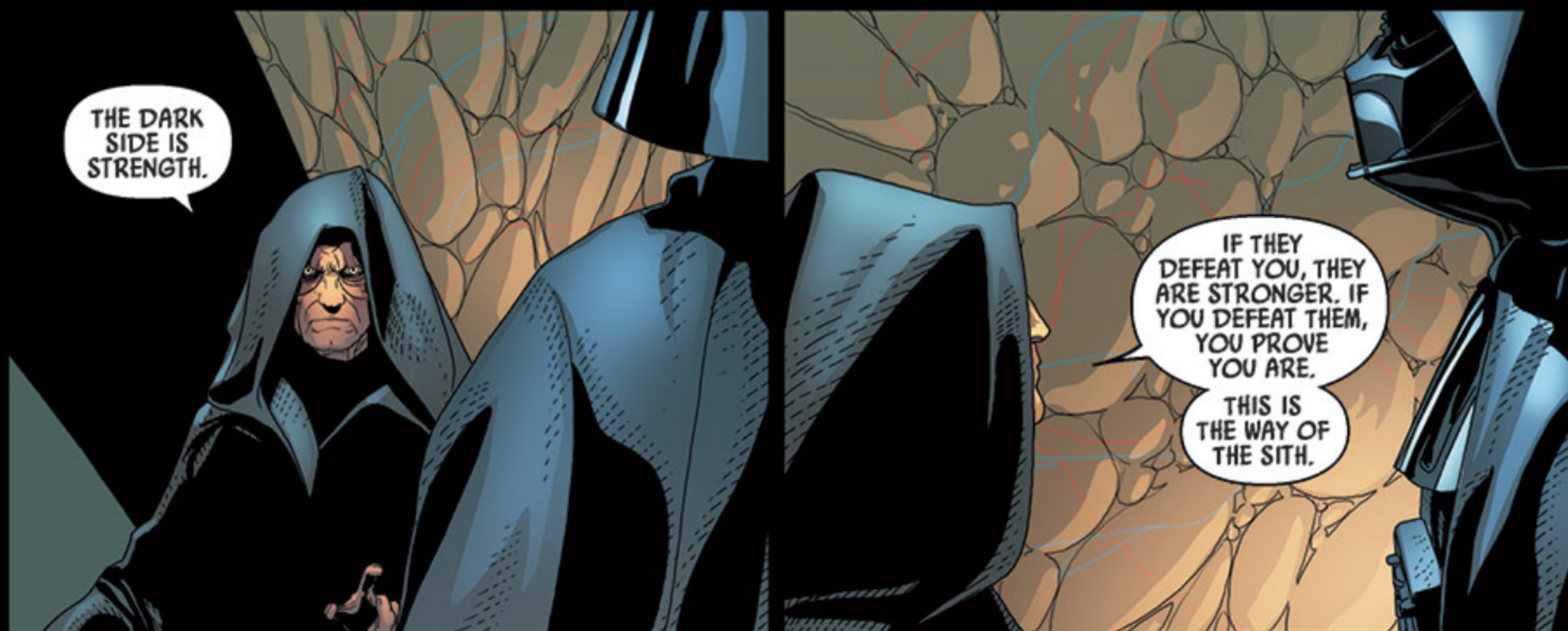


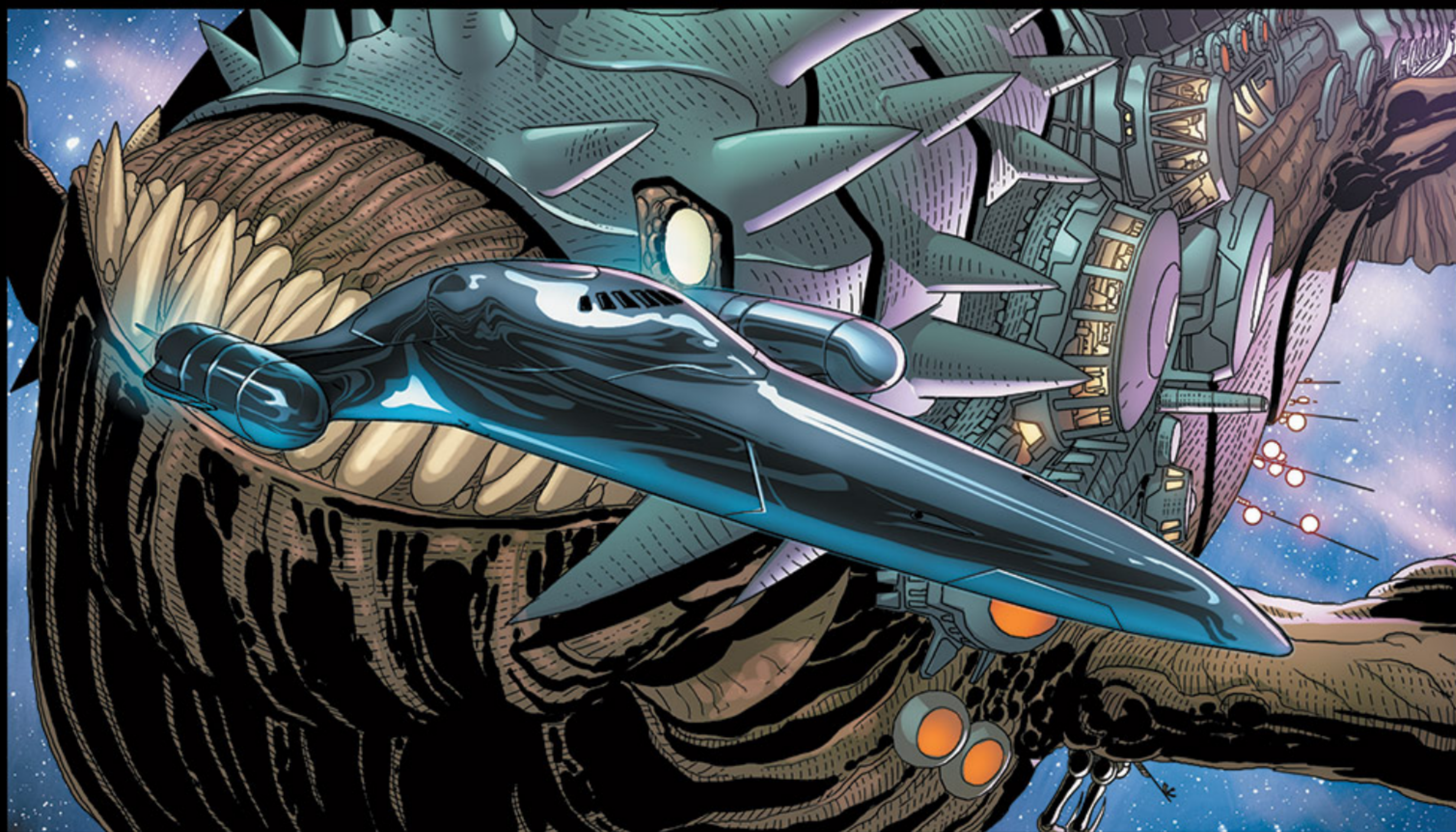
DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE
HOW MUCH YOU
DISAPPOINTED ME
ON MUSTAFAR.

I SAVED
YOU--BUT YOU
SHOWED HOW FAR
OFF THE MARK
YOU FELL...

CYLO...HAS
BEEN TRAINING
THE TWINS FOR
20 YEARS.

ALL THESE
YEARS, YOU WERE
CONSIDERING
REPLACING ME.





Later.

I LOST HIM.

THAT IS MOST DISAPPOINTING.

HE GOT LUCKY.

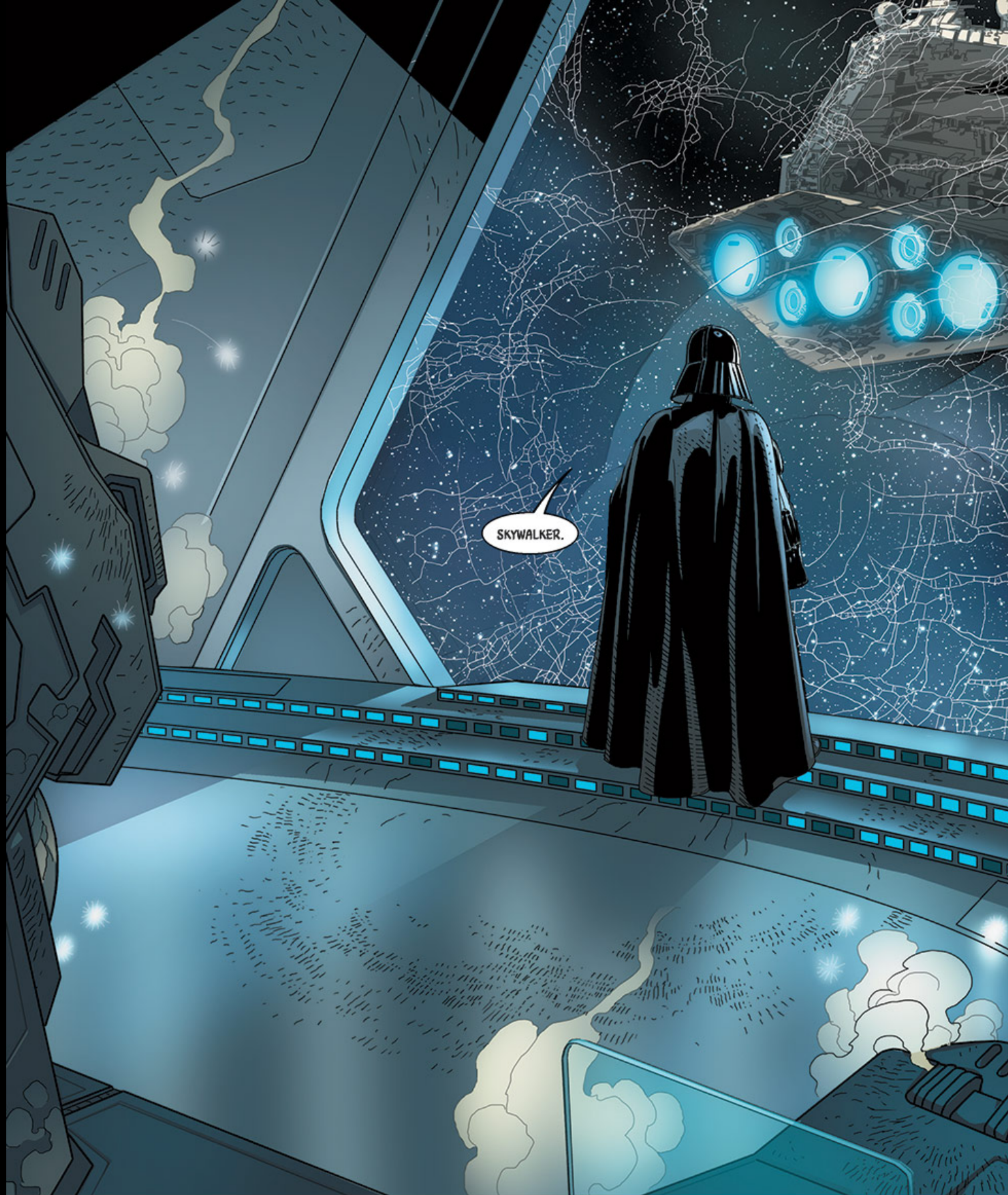
DID YOU BRING ME ANYTHING OF VALUE, BOUNTY HUNTER?

NOT MUCH.
JUST HIS NAME.

SKYWALKER.









YES,
VADER?
AH...



I SENSE
YOUR ANGER.
GREAT ANGER.
HAVE YOU
SOMETHING
TO SAY?

SOME
PROUD,
DEFIANT
WORDS?



OR ARE
YOU WISE ENOUGH
TO KNOW YOUR
PLACE?

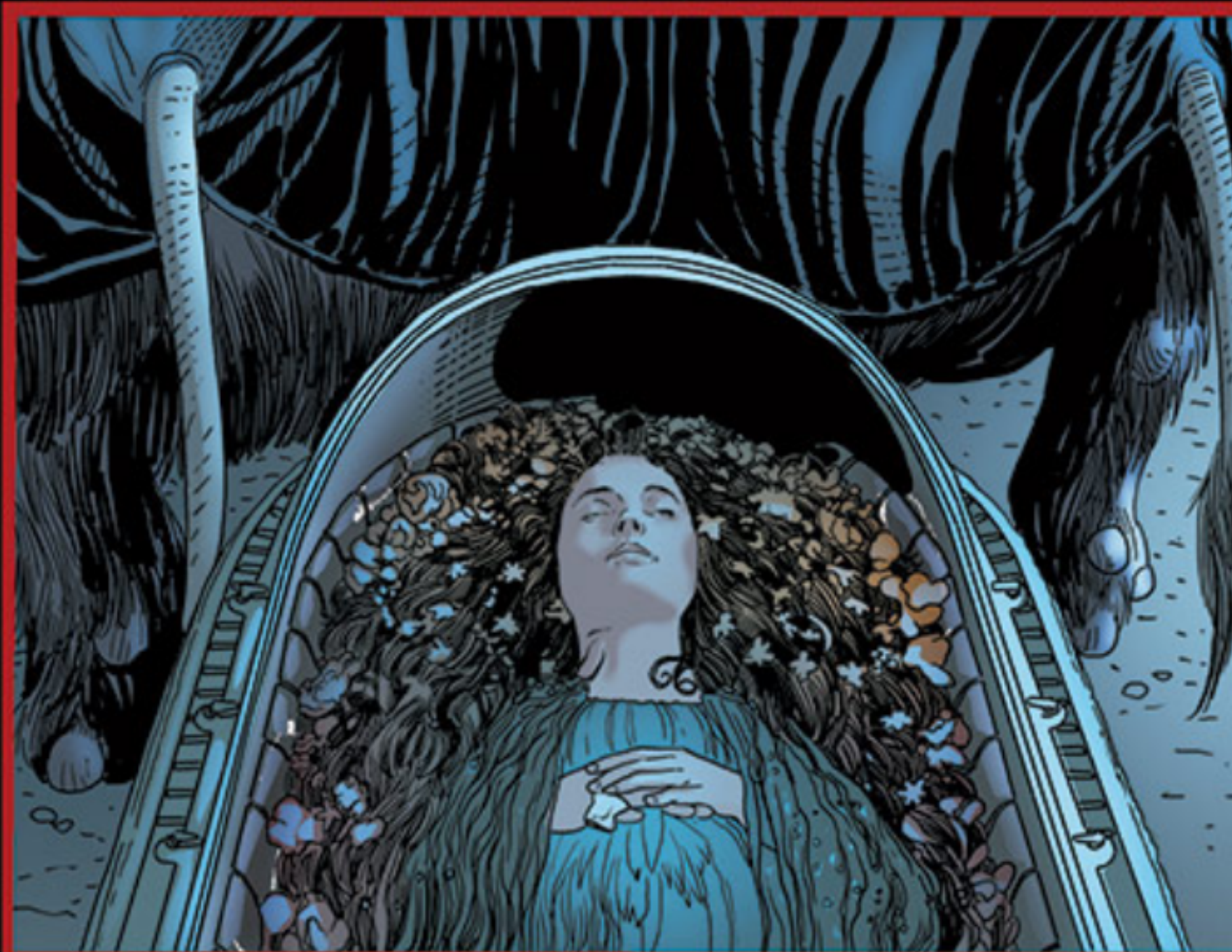


I AM
ANGRY. YOU
WOULD NOT HAVE
ME OTHERWISE. MY
ANGER BROUGHT
ME TO YOU.

I WANT
YOU TO KNOW--
I WILL NOT
FAIL.



AND I
UNDERSTAND US
PRECISELY.





HE
WILL BE
MINE.

IT WILL
ALL BE
MINE.